
OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 26-2, Section 202-209, 1973 as amended.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION¹	State Department of Social Services (State-supervised with local administration).
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of total expenditures.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to SSI recipients living in the arrangements listed under "Payment Levels." Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; State supplement is increased to offset the reduced Federal payment. At age 65, a disabled recipient may elect to transfer to the aged category or remain in the disabled category. Blind and disabled children are eligible for State supplementation.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	<p>Aged and disabled: \$20 per month plus 1/2 of remainder (to maximum of \$50) of earned income, plus mandatory payroll deductions, plus \$30 employment expenses, plus additional reasonable employment expenses.</p> <p>Blind: \$85 per month plus 1/2 of remainder of earned income, plus mandatory payroll deductions, plus \$30 employment expenses, plus additional reasonable employment expenses.</p>
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Resources are considered property. Current market value of property is used in determining resources and only net value of property (after deducting the amount of indebtedness or encumbrances) is considered. Basic resource limitation is \$1,000. Resource limitation for an ineligible spouse of an

¹ Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

**RESOURCE
LIMITATIONS (CON.)**

eligible recipient is \$2,000. Major property exclusions are real estate of any value owned and occupied as a residence, one automobile used for essential transportation, furniture, household equipment, clothing, prepaid burial contracts (irrevocable contracts of any amount, revocable contracts of up to \$1,500), certain business or farm implements with specified value limitations, and cash surrender value of life insurance policy up to \$5,000.

**PLACE OF
APPLICATION**

County social services offices.

FUNDING

Assistance: 100 percent State funds for the aged;
80 percent State funds, 20 percent local
funds for the blind and disabled.
Administration: 80 percent State funds, 20 percent local
funds.

**INTERIM
ASSISTANCE**

State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS²

<u>Code</u>	<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
		<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
	Living independently: ³				
	Aged	\$526.00	\$1,028.00	\$56.00	\$323.00
	Blind and disabled	470.00	916.00	--	211.00
	Adult foster care	676.00	N/A	206.00	N/A
	Home care: ⁴				
	Aged	826.00	N/A	356.00	N/A
	Blind and disabled	770.00	N/A	300.00	N/A
	Individual with essential spouse:				
	Blind and disabled	598.00	N/A	128.00	N/A

² Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled. Persons in Medicaid facilities who have other sources of income are allowed to keep \$29.00 per month as a personal needs allowance.

³ Combined Federal/State payment level also applies to persons living in the home of another. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced Federal payment for this living arrangement.

⁴ Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

ADMINISTRATION	State Department of Social Services ⁵
SPECIAL NEED CIRCUMSTANCES	Funeral expenses--If costs of funeral home/cemetery do not exceed \$1,500, the benefit maximum is \$1,500. If costs exceed \$1,500, no assistance is provided.

MEDICAID**ELIGIBILITY:**

CRITERION	SSI program guidelines (title XVI).
DETERMINED BY	Social Security Administration.
MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM	No program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.
UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES	The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

⁵ At their option, county social services boards may provide optional supplementation for other special need circumstances.